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SUPPLIES FOR PANAMA VIA NORTHERN PORTS

**The South Being Grossly Discriminated Against for
Benefit of Special Interests.**

WASHINGTON, March 3.—“The United States Government is today sending millions and millions of dollars worth of supplies to the Panama canal from New York, when in the interests of economy to the nation and fairness to the South they should be shipped from Southern ports. These gigantic orders for machinery, cement, etc., are being filled in the iron trust's plants in the New England States, shipped over Wall street owned railroads to New York in order that the special interests may get their bit, and then loaded on ships for Panama.

“These supplies should be manufactured in the South and shipped from Southern ports, 1,000 miles nearer the Panama canal zone.

“If President Taft really wants to be a friend of the South he should early in his administration use his influence to stop the discrimination that the Republican party has consistently practiced against the South and West in favor of the New England States.”

This interview offers President Taft a tip as to how he may exert his friendship for the South. The speaker was a prominent member of Congress, representing a district in one of the Southern States. He was not talking for publication, but was answering the writer's query as to opportunities that the new President might seize upon to make good his repeated declaration of friendship for the South.

“If President Taft does not make good in winning the admiration and confidence of the South it will not be because of a lack of opportunities,” said the Southern representative. “The appointment of good men to Federal offices is important, but his opportunities do not stop there.

“I am not over-estimating his opportunities when I say that the new executive may, if he will use his influence in the right direction, add impetus to the industrial activity of every State in the South that will win him the friendship of the South. But will he do it? Can he do it without arousing the anger of the powerful influences of the New England States which practically dominate Republican politics and Republican Presidents?

“More cement is going to be used in the construction of the Panama canal than has ever been made since its discovery. This cement is being shipped from points adjacent to the New Eng-

land States to New York. There is no good reason why it should originate in this section exclusively, other than that the railroads get a chance to haul it.

“An immense saving could be effected if this cement was manufactured in the South, but if not in the South, in Middle and Western States, and then placed on boats and sent down the Missouri and Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, and from there shipped to the Panama canal instead of from New York.

“Immense orders of structural iron are being used in the building of the canal. Massive cranes, heavy machinery and a large assortment of tools are used in great quantities. The South is the place where these orders should be filled. If the South would get its share, as it deserves as a result of its ports being so much nearer the canal, the entire South would benefit. The Pacific Coast and far West have also suffered from discrimination in the Government purchase of canal supplies.

“President Taft should also use his influence to give Southern ports relief from certain quarantine regulations, which are unjust and discriminatory and tend to drive business to Northern ports.”

Sufficient time has not yet elapsed to hear from all parts of the South relative to Mr. Taft's cabinet. Many anticipated the incoming President would show that he meant what he said about intending to be a friend to the South by appointing a typical representative of the South to a cabinet position. It is as yet too early to say whether the accrediting of Jacob H. Dickinson, late of Chicago, to Tennessee, will be a satisfactory indication of Mr. Taft's desire to have a man in his cabinet who can ably advise him in matters pertaining to the South.

There has been a great deal of regret expressed over Mr. Taft's failure to retain Luke E. Wright in the position of Secretary of War, which portfolio goes to Mr. Dickinson. The general impression in Washington is that the South would have been appreciative of Wright's retention. It is pointed out that the new Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Charles Nagel of Missouri, is a Southerner from one standpoint, and will be considered the South's representative along with Mr. Dickinson.

Railroad Commission Has Made Important Orders

TALLAHASSEE, March 3.—The Railroad Commissioners have recently issued a number of orders and notices that are of interest to the public.

Orders were issued last week requiring the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line railway to construct passenger depots at Madison and Gainesville; this week an order has been issued requiring the construction of a union passenger depot at Live Oak.

Notices of hearings to consider whether or not the Florida East Coast railway shall be required to construct freight and passenger depots at Naranja and Viking and install an agent at White City have been sent out. The hearing will be had on the 8th inst., at which time the railroad will be given an opportunity to show cause why these orders should not be made.

The Commissioners have instituted

mandamus proceedings in the State supreme court, through their counsel, L. C. Massey, seeking to compel the Florida East Coast railway to comply with the Commissioners' orders requiring that railway to make connection with the Atlantic Coast Line railroad at Orange Junction. The supreme court has made the case returnable for March 9th.

Mandamus proceedings have also been instituted against the Atlantic & Saint Andrews Bay Railway Co. to compel that company to obey the Commission's orders prescribing rates on lumber, wood and cross-ties.

Mandamus proceedings have also been instituted against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company to compel the L. & N. railroad to comply with the rule of the Commission requiring railroads to report all cases

GOOD VOTE POLLED IN PIANO CONTEST

MISS ELLIS GAINED OVER 17,000
ON MISS DUPREE.

Miss Sanchez Climbs Higher, as Does
Also Miss Estelle Beal—Others
Hold Their Own.

Following is the vote in the piano contest:

Miss Bessie Dupree, city.....	1,079,050
Miss Dorian Ellis, city.....	1,050,780
Miss Catherine Haile, city....	990,660
Miss Florrie Strickland.....	442,630
Miss M. Daughtrey, city.....	190,065
Miss Mary McCormick, city....	72,375
Miss Alma Fennell, city.....	58,810
Miss Nannie Dickinson, city....	58,535
Miss Mabel Sanchez, city.....	50,895
Miss Julia Carter, city.....	50,495
Miss A. Groff, Newberry.....	39,060
Miss Jessie Evans, city.....	30,205
Miss Estelle Beal, city.....	26,150
Miss A. Strickland, Waldo....	25,330
Miss Emma Hudson, city.....	24,205
Miss Annie Beville.....	18,705
Miss Elevena Staf, Waldo....	12,915
Mrs. I. Ware, High Springs....	11,395
Miss Goldie Lambert, city....	6,275
Miss Lizzie Sheppard, Bell....	6,005
Miss K. Carlton, Micanopy....	5,590
Miss M. Fernandez, city.....	4,115
Miss Mary Thigpin, city.....	3,850
Mrs. A. W. Sargent.....	3,790
Miss L. Sanders, Hawthorn....	3,650
Miss Ruby Albright.....	3,100

of wrecks promptly to the Railroad Commissioners.

Commissioner Blitch and Special Counsel L. C. Massey attended a meeting of the Interstate Commerce Commission at Jacksonville on the 24th ult. The Interstate Commerce Commissioners had under consideration the question of rates on fruits and vegetables to the Northern markets.

A conference will be had with the officials of the Southern Express Company on March 9th to consider the question of express rates.

Commissioner Burr is at present in Pensacola on business connected with the audit of the books of the L. & N. railroad.

The rules of the Railroad Commissioners have recently been amended so that hereafter cars containing different articles, but in the same class, shall be transported at the carload rate between points in Florida. It is believed that the amendment of this rule will be of vast benefit to the people of the State, especially to the merchants in the cities and towns in the interior of the State, as it will enable receivers of freight in those places to secure the benefits of carload rates where it has been impossible in the past.

PICTURES ON DISPLAY.

Gainesville National Bank Have Started Another New Plan.

Cashier C. A. Faircloth of the Gainesville National Bank will secure pictures of leading banks throughout the country and display them along the walls of their building.

Among the collection he has already received are the National City Bank of New York, one of the largest banks in the Western Hemisphere, having a capital and surplus of over \$50,000,000. This was sent by the assistant cashier, G. E. Gregory, and is among the handsomest and largest of the collection.

The Reichsbank of Berlin, the Bank of England, Bank of Spain and the U. S. Treasury building are among the collection.

They are handsome photo-engravings, neatly framed and add much to the attractiveness of the bank.

During the meeting of the Florida Press Association in St. Augustine the latter part of this month a special edition of The St. Augustine Record is to be issued which is to be edited by members of the association.

FLORIDA PINE CO. GETS THE STATE CONVICTS

**Bid \$281 Per Capita Per Year for Four Years from
January 1st, 1910.**

TALLAHASSEE, March 3.—At a meeting of the Commissioners of the State Institutions, held here yesterday morning in the executive office the contract for convicts was awarded to the Florida Pine Company of Jacksonville at \$281 per capita per year. Seventeen bids were brought in.

The contract, as let, was for the hire of State convicts for a period of four years, to begin January 1, 1910.

In accepting the contract the Florida Pine Company must abide by the following regulations:

The lessee must bear all expenses incident to the handling of the convict from the day of his sentence by the court in which he is tried; also all expenses incurred in maintaining a proper State prison as well as the prisoner and in keeping him or her safely; also all expenses for guards, medical attention, medicines, food, clothing, properly equipped lodging, and every other expense and charge that should be incurred for the proper care, custody and humane treatment of the prisoners during the term of the lease. The personnel of the guards, wardens and captains and management to be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

All rules and regulations concerning the type of buildings for the prisoners, the equipment, the care and management of the prisoners to be subject to any and all rules that may be promulgated by the Commissioner of Agriculture with the approval of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

A central hospital or hospitals shall be maintained at the expense of the lessee in which shall be confined for medical treatment all such prisoners that may be sick or unable from any cause to perform manual labor. The hospital or hospitals to be conducted and maintained as is more fully set out in the schedule referred to. The location of the hospital or hospitals

must be approved by the Commissioners of State Institutions before they shall be deemed or considered as sufficient compliance with the intent thereof.

Each prisoner shall be furnished with a separate iron cot bedstead properly equipped for comfort, as shown in the schedule.

The lessee shall at all times enforce in the prison or camps and upon the work such rules as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and approved by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions for the health, humane treatment and safe custody of the prisoners.

Lessees shall take all prisoners sentenced by any court to the State prison, without regard to age, sex or physical condition.

The State prison physician, with the approval of the Commissioner of Agriculture, shall designate those to be confined in a hospital subject to the endorsement of the board.

The allowance for escapes will be within the discretion of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

All payments under the contract shall be made quarterly in advance, except for the first quarter of the year 1910, which shall be payable one-half July 1, 1909, and the other half October 1, 1909, upon a basis of the whole number of prisoners incarcerated in the State prison on July 1, 1909.

The lessees shall enter into a bond with two or more good and sufficient sureties in such sum as may be required by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, (said bond to be made payable) for the faithful performance of the contract and shall be a bond acceptable to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions and shall be approved by said board.

Deductions will be allowed for each prisoner while confined in the hospital under the direction of the State prison physician and Commissioner of Agriculture with the approval of the board.

Anniversary Celebrations at Melrose on the Lake

MELROSE, March 3.—A lively crowd gathered at Bayview on Saturday night to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. J. A. Waters and Mrs. H. W. Hamlyn, both falling on February 28. During the evening delicious “monkeys,” besides other good things, were served, said “monkeys” being a close relation to the “Welch rabbit,” another nature fake. A very pleasant incident during the supper was the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Hamlyn by Rev. Waters, on behalf of all present, of a fine mariner's compass as a slight souvenir of the many pleasant trips in the “Effie.” Another birthday, that of Mr. J. N. Cole, was celebrated by an enjoyable picnic at Parish Hammock on Monday. While some of the party went snipe shooting or fishing the rest rambled through the pretty woods exploring and picking flowers until dinner time, when fried fish, done to a turn by that experienced chef, T. A. Birt, were served and much appreciated by the hungry crowd. Mr. Cole was the recipient of many bouquets, verbal and floral, during the dinner.

Ross B. Norton and Miss Lennie Stokes stole a march on their friends by being quietly married on Sunday

night by Rev. B. R. Moseley. On Monday the happy couple were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lee, the table being decorated with orange blossoms in honor of the occasion. All present enjoyed the fine dinner. The usual tinpan serenade was given in front of the Brown cottage, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Norton, on Monday night. The community extends best wishes.

The Lutherans held the first service for a long time on Sunday, Rev. J. A. Waters preaching a fine sermon to a most appreciative congregation. The church was beautifully decorated with daisies and purple lantanas.

Prof. Nunnally, from Lake City College, was expected to preach at the Baptist church on Sunday, but sickness prevented his coming.

C. P. Huffman, Jr., and S. Lee returned to Lake City on Tuesday.

The committee appointed to investigate and report upon the advisability of Key West purchasing the dock property which is to be sold at auction soon, has reported adversely. They gave as their reason that the city would lose over \$1,000 a year in taxes and licenses.